Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-45 (Cancelled).

Claim 46 (Currently amended):   A method for verifying compliance with a finance

agreement between a first party and a second party, the finance agreement associated with an

asset wherein the first party provides asset financing and the second party is permitted to sell the

asset associated with the finance agreement, the method comprising:

affixing a self-destructing identification tag to an asset associated with a finance agreement;

notifying the second party ~~of~~ to perform a self-audit of the asset, where the notifying is

> performed by ~~selected from the set including~~ fax, e-mail, instant message, phone, or

> pager;

~~requiring~~ the second party ~~to use a machine to electronically read encrypted data from at least one~~

> ~~electronically-readable identification tag associated with the self-audit~~ reading said self-

> destructing identification tag using a machine configured to read encrypted data from said

> self-destructing identification tag;

generating audit information, the audit information being at least partially based on the encrypted

> data;

~~requiring~~ the second party ~~to send~~ sending audit information based on the encrypted data to the

> first party, where the sending ~~is selected from the set including~~ is performed by voice,

> fax, e-mail, or instant message;

evaluating the ~~received self~~ audit information to determine if the second party is complying or

> not complying with the finance agreement based on the audit information; and

wherein the step of evaluating the ~~received self~~ audit information being performed by a computer programmed to evaluate the audit information and determine if the second party is complying or not complying with the finance agreement based on the audit information.

Claim 47 (Previously presented):   The method of claim 46 wherein the asset associated with the finance agreement is selected from the set consisting of a car, a truck, a recreational vehicle, a boat, a motorcycle, construction equipment, farm equipment, manufacturing equipment, containerized freight, art, an antique, and a collectible.

Claims 48-49 (Cancelled).

Claim 50 (Previously presented):   The method of claim 46 wherein the at least one identification tag includes a radio frequency identification tag.

Claim 51 (Previously presented):   The method of claim 46 wherein the at least one identification tag includes a bar code.

Claim 52 (Previously presented):   The method of claim 46 wherein the audit information comprises a hash.

Claims 53-62 (Cancelled).

Claim 63 (Previously presented):   The method of claim 46 wherein the at least one

identification tag includes a bar code tag.

Claim 64 (Cancelled).

Claim 65 (Currently amended):   A method for verifying compliance with an agreement by

use of a remotely controlled, self-audit, the method comprising:

initiating the self-audit by requesting <u>audit information, the audit information obtained by</u>

> <u>reading encrypted data from at least one identification tag secured to an asset, the</u>

> <u>encrypted data associated with the asset</u>~~an electronic reading by a machine of at least one~~

> ~~identification tag containing encrypted data associated with an asset~~;

receiving <u>the</u> audit information ~~based on the electronic reading by the machine of the at least one~~

> ~~identification tag~~; and

evaluating the audit information by a computer <u>programmed to evaluate the audit information</u> to

> determine <u>if each of the at least one identification tag secured to the asset has been read</u>

> <u>after requesting the audit information to thereby determine</u> compliance or non-compliance

> with the agreement.

Claim 66 (Currently amended):   A method for verifying compliance with an agreement by

use of a remotely controlled, self-audit, the method comprising:

<u>attaching at least one identification tag containing encrypted data to an asset;</u>

initiating the self-audit by requesting <u>audit information obtained by</u> an electronic reading by a

> machine of <u>the</u> at least one identification tag containing ~~encrypted~~ data associated with ~~an~~

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the asset and combining the data associated with the asset with data associated with the

self-audit;

receiving the audit information, ~~the audit information including data based on the electronic~~

~~reading by the machine of the at least one identification tag containing the encrypted data~~

~~in combination with data associated with the self-audit or data associated with the asset~~;

and

using a computer programmed to evaluate the audit information to evaluate ~~evaluating~~ the audit

information ~~by a computer~~ and to determine if each of the at least one identification tag

has been read after initiating the self-audit to thereby determine compliance or non-

compliance with the agreement.

Claim 67 (Previously presented):   The method of claim 66 wherein the data associated with

the self-audit includes an audit code.

Claim 68 (Previously presented):   The method of claim 66 wherein the data associated with

the asset includes a geographic position associated with the asset.

Claim 69 (Previously presented):   The method of claim 66 wherein the audit information

comprises a hash.

Claim 70 (Previously presented):   The method of claim 66 wherein the asset associated with

the agreement is selected from the set consisting of a car, a truck, a recreational vehicle, a boat, a

motorcycle, construction equipment, farm equipment, manufacturing equipment, containerized freight, art, an antique, and a collectible.

Claim 71 (Previously presented): The method of claim 66 wherein the at least one identification tag includes a radio frequency identification tag.

Claim 72 (Previously presented): The method of claim 66 wherein the at least one identification tag includes a bar code.

Claims 73-75 (Cancelled).

Claim 76 (Previously presented): The method of claim 66 wherein the machine used for the electronic reading is integrated in a cell phone.

Claim 77 (Previously presented): The method of claim 65 wherein the asset associated with the agreement is selected from the set consisting of a car, a truck, a recreational vehicle, a boat, a motorcycle, construction equipment, farm equipment, manufacturing equipment, containerized freight, art, an antique, and a collectible.

Claim 78 (Previously presented): The method of claim 65 wherein the at least one identification tag includes a radio frequency identification tag.

Claim 79 (Previously presented): The method of claim 65 wherein the at least one identification tag includes a bar code.

Claim 80 (Previously presented): The method of claim 65 wherein the audit information comprises a hash.

Claims 81-83 (Cancelled).

Claim 84 (Previously presented): The method of claim 46 wherein the machine used for the electronic reading is integrated in a cell phone.

Claims 85-87 (Cancelled).

Claim 88 (New): The method of claim 46 wherein the data associated with the self-audit includes an audit code.

Claim 89 (New): The method of claim 46 wherein the data associated with the asset includes a geographic position associated with the asset.

Claim 90 (New): The method of claim 46 wherein the audit information comprises a hash.

Claim 91 (New):   A method of verifying compliance with a finance agreement between a

first party and a second party, the finance agreement associated with a vehicle wherein the first

party provides vehicle financing and the second party is permitted to sell the vehicle associated

with the finance agreement, the method comprising:

attaching a self-destructing identification tag to the vehicle;

the first party notify the second party of a self-audit of the vehicle;

the second party reading data from the self-destructing identification tag after the notifying using

an electronic device;

generating audit information using the data from the self-destructing identification tag and

additional data associated with the self-audit not available to the second party prior to the

self-audit;

the second party sending the audit information to the first party;

evaluating the audit information by the first party using a computer programmed to evaluate the

audit information to assist in verifying compliance with the finance agreement by

determining if the self-destructing identification tag was read during the self-audit.